

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of Michael Seitz et al. Art Unit 1611
Serial No. 10/728,654
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Confirmation No. 8454
For MICROCAPSULES WITH AMINE ADJUSTED RELEASE RATES
Examiner Barbara S. Frazier

Declaration of David Z. Becher under 35 C.F.R. §1.132

I, David Z. Becher, declare and state as follows:

(1) I am a Senior Research Specialist for Monsanto Technology LLC. I have been a formulator for Monsanto since 1979. My responsibilities for Monsanto include the development of glyphosate (Roundup®) formulations and, relevant to the present application, the development of slow release technologies, in particular the development of herbicidal compositions comprising microencapsulated herbicidal actives. I have experience in the development of slow release, microencapsulation technologies since 1980. Finally, I am a co-author of "Microencapsulation Technology and Future Trends" published in Pesticide Formulation and Adjuvant Technology, edited by Chester Foy and David Pritchard, CRC Press, 1996.

(2) I have been asked to review and have reviewed the Final Office Action and the Advisory Action issued in connection with the present application. I have further reviewed the claims of the pending application, the disclosure of the cited Seitz et al. (U.S. 5,925,595), and the disclosure of the cited Asrar et al. (WO 2002/082901).